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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/828,715

Applicant(s)

BONWICK ET AL.

Examiner

Guy J. Lamarre

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

- Pursuant to 35 USC 131, **Claims 1-27** are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

0. **Claim 2 line 2:** It is not clear to the Examiner whether '1st indirect block' of **instant claim** is same as that of **Claim 1**.

Claim 16 shall end in a period.

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Claim 19 line 2 shall read 'and a first indirect...' instead of 'and [the] first indirect...'

Claim 27 line 2 shall read 'a data block and a first indirect...'

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1.1 **Claims 1, 3-27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by **Reynolds** (US PGPub # 2002/0055942; published may 2002).

As per Claims 1, 3-27, Reynolds discloses equivalent data formatting/structure for data storage/transfer/node system comprising data block storing in a storage medium (paras. 51-52: 1st sentences), data block checksum computation/storing in said storage medium (para. 59: penultimate sentence), checksum identifying/indexing via checksum differentiation wherein checksum differentiation allows for separating checksums of original file and other file duplicates (para. 59: penultimate sentence), storage allocation/controller/manager for data block transfer/storage operations in a storage medium comprising direct data addressing/pointing (e.g.,

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in file allocation table or data frame field at para. 60) and indirect data addressing via file association/address/birth value offset (e.g., para. 64), said storage medium capable of data block partitioning via metaslabs (para. 64) along with metaslab (para. 64) pointers/Ids.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claim 2** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3.1 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record is as exemplified by **Reynolds** (US PGPub # 2002/0055942; published May 2002), **Wortley et al.** (USPN 4422171) and **Garcia et al.** '*Checksum-based loss differentiation*,' 4th International Workshop on Mobile and Wireless Communications Network; 9-11 Sept. 2002, page(s): 244 - 248.

Reynolds discloses a data storage/transfer system wherein checksum comparison allows differentiation of original data for reproduced/alterd original data.

Wortley et al. discloses a data transfer system wherein comparison of checksums via a CRC function in plural data frames allows a correlation to be established between received information and original information, e.g., at Figs. 3-5, 9.

Garcia et al. discloses a data transfer system wherein comparison of types of checksums at plural layers in a communications stack allows for appropriate corrective actions to be effected, e.g., at page 246.

However these references do not teach or suggest alone or in combination: calculating 1st indirect block checksum and storage of said 1st indirect block checksum in 2nd indirect block as claimed and configured.

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3.2 Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert De Cady, can be reached at (571) 272-3819.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3609.

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12/20/2006
